WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR To-DAY .- For the Middle States, cloudy weather, rain and snow, with cast to south winds, rising temperature and falling barometer, followed during Wednesday afternoon or evening by colder north to west winds and rising barometer. For the South Atlantic States, partly For the South Atlantic winds shifting purchasers shall be invested with all the corto westerly and northwesterly, stationary porate powers and franchises conferred on slowly-falling barometer, with slight the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Comor slowly-fatting barometer, with single the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Com-changes in temperature, probably followed pany by its charter, which was approved on during Wednesday afternoon or evening the 28th day of February, 1878. by rising barometer and lower tempera-

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was partly cloudy and mild. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY : 6 A. M., 40 A. M., 39; noon, 48; 3 P. M., 63; 6 P. M., 60; midnight, 57.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Mean temperature, 51 1-6.

Capitol Notes.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION OF THE GENERAL AS-SEMBLY-PASSAGE OF THE RICHMOND AND ALLEGHANY RATLROAD BILL-PROTECTION OF THE SCHOOL FUND-THE BATTLE OF TORKTOWN-THE SUPPLEMENTAL RAILROAD

While the readjusters' convention was wrangling yesterday afternoon the Senate was endeavoring to secure to the free schools the money to which they are entitled under the Constitution. As the result of the Senate's labors, and true to the promise made, the following bill, the work of the friends of the public schools in the two houses, and presented by Mr. Smith, of Nelson, was passed. The bill now goes to the House: A Bill to Secure to the Public Free Schools the Money Set Apart by the Constitution and wes for their Benefit.

hereas it is the duty of the Legislature o protect the fund set apart by the Constitution for the support of the public free schools from impairment; therefore

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That the Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby required, immediately upon the receipt of the land- and propertybooks of the several commissioners of the revenue of the Commonwealth, to make a calculation of the sum total of all the funds an honorary member of the Association. applicable to public free-school purposes for the ensuing year, of which amount he shall report three fourths thereof to the Superintendent of Public Instruction as an an address before the Convention, did not approximate basis for distribution; whereupon said Superintendent of Public Instruction shall at once make out and furnish to the Auditor of Public Accounts a distributive statement of the amounts due the several counties and corporations in the State upon this approximate basis. Upon receipt of such statement the Auditor Public Accounts shall issue his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State in favor of the superintendent of each county or corporation for Richmond. tion is entitled to receive under said statement; which warrant, when endorsed by said county or corporation superintendent to the treasurer of his county or corpora- mittee. The three members elected yestertion, as hereinafter provided by the 2d section of this act, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State, or shall be accepted from such county or corporation treasurer as cash in all settlements for public revenue made by him with the Auditor of Public Accounts so far as paid by the warrants here-

inafter provided for. 2. The superintendent of schools of each county or corporation shall, upon the receipt of such warrant, endorse the same to and deposit it with the treasurer of his county or corporation, taking his receipt therefor, who shall enter the same upon his books as a credit to said superintendent of

3. All warrants hereafter drawn by district school boards or trustees upon the public school fund of the State, as now provided by law, shall, if approved by the county or corporation superintendent, be taken up by him and his own warrants issued therefor, which shall be paid by the treasurer of the county or corporation, or be receivable by bim in payment of all taxes or demands due the Commonwealth. The county or corporation superintendent may issue his warrants in such sums not him is less than five dollars, in which case the warrant shall be for the amount due, as will best suit the convenience of the payee, but in no case shall be issue warrants for an aggregate amount greater than the warrant received by an institution so wisely and successfully him from the Auditor of Public Ac- managed, and which shows such a record counts; nor shall the county or cor- in these perilous times. poration treasurer pay any warrant upon the State fund unless issued by the superin- ginia to the business of marine insurance, tendent of his county or corporation, nor its immense assets enabling it to take the an aggregate amount greater than the said largest lines on the most favorable terms. superintendent has credit for. Any superintendent who shall issue warrants to an the agents in this city. Walke & Son, Noraggregate amount greater than is provided by this section, and any treasurer who shall pay any warrant upon the State fund aforesaid, in violation of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not less than \$500, nor more than \$1,000.

4. At not less than one general meeting rior to the first day of July in each year the school trustees of each county shall compare the warrants issued by each district | 1 colored; hydrocephalus, 1 white; marasboard with those issued by the county or mus, 1 colored; meningitis, 1 colored; old corporation superintendent, and report the age, 1 white, 1 colored; pneumonia, 1 result to the State Superintendent of white, 3 colored; teething, 1 colored; un-

5. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall furnish to the several superintendents of births, 29. Age: One day to thirty, 1 co-

This certificate shall be received by the county tensurer on whom drawn at its face value for all tire due the Commonwealth when signed by

Superintendent Public Schools 6. Should there be found upon the collecion of the taxes an amount greater than be approximate amount bereinbefore proded due to the public schools of the State or any one year, then the excess due the nools shall be distributed as now provided by law, and nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with the same.

7. This act shall be in force from its pas-THE RAILECAD UP THE TOW-PATH. The long and warmly-contested fight in the General Assembly upon the bill to auhorize the James River and Kanawha Company to make sale and transfer of all its works, property, and franchises to the Richmond and Allegbany Bailroad Company, and to define the powers and duties of the Board of Public Works in respect thereto was brought to a close vesterday in the Senate just before sunset, the Senate agreeing the House amendments, which were and they will proceed forthwith to make an 20.05 per 1,000 per annum. effort to settle with the creditors of the canal

The stockholders of the canal company will meet on Thursday afternoon, March fit.

SAILORS IN TROUBLE.—I We describe the canal company who refused to do duty on a schooner now receiving a cargo of wood at Slater's wharf, near the White House, were brought up to

ANOTHER RAILROAD-CANAL BILL. The Committee on Roads of the two istle

DAILY DISPARCH.

RICHMOND. VA.. VOL. LV. THE READJUSTERS.

ind Alleghany Railroad bill, which pro-

Company within the time prescribed by said act, that then the James River and Ka-

nawha Company be authorized to sell and

convey all of its works, property, and fran-

chises to any other corporation, person, or

persons; provided, that the contract of sale

and conveyance shall contain all the provi-

sions and conditions set forth and pre-

scribed in the act aforesaid, and shall not

contain any provisions or conditions incon-

In addition to such rights, powers

privileges, and franchises as are indicated

by the preceding sections, the purchaser or

porate powers and franchises conferred on

This action is in accordance with a resolu-

and Kanawha Company, and it is deemed

very important that this act shall be passed

at once. Mr. Johnson, of Richmond, has

charge of the bill in the Senate, and Mr.

THE BATTLE OF YORKTOWN.

Mr. Quesenberry yesterday presented to

the Senate, from the Committee on Public

Institutions, a resolution relative to the

care of the painting in the Senate chamber,

of the Storming of a Redoubt at Yorktown,

presented to the State by Mr. W. W. Cor-

Public Buildings be and is hereby request-

ed to cause the painting of the Storming of

a Redoubt at Yorktown to be removed to

the rotunda, and securely placed there be-

tween the door of the hall of the House of

Delegates and the eastern door of the ro-

General Johnson explained the cause of

the present wrinkles in the picture, and

thought it would be best to consult Mr. El-

der or some other artist as to the removal.

not be a good place for the painting.

ble, on motion of Mr. Koiner.

He was of opinion that the rotunda would

The resolution was finally laid on the ta-

VIRGINIA PRESS ASSOCIATION .- The fifth

ette Hall, in this city-Vice-President Bar-clay presiding. The Convention was in

session several hours, and transacted a good

deal of business. The Constitution of the

Association was amended so as to admit to

membership regular correspondents of the

appear. The following officers were elected

President, John T. Lovell, of Front

First Vice-President, E. H. Barclay, of

Second Vice-President, Dr. A. Monteiro,

Third Vice-President, B. F. Sheetz, of

Secretary and Treasurer, John Græme, of

The officers, together with three other

members, constitute the Executive Com-

day to serve on that committee are L. Wad-

dill, of Charlottesville, and Daniel Murphy

The Executive Committee was requested

to make arrangements for an excursion of

MEETINGS AT THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,

at the Second Baptist church yesterday eve-

Rev. S. C. Clopton, of the Clay-Street

Baptist church, conducted the meeting, and

In prayers led by Major Stiles, Bishop

Doggett, Rev. S. C. Clopton, Mr. J. D. K.

Sleight, and Dr. McDonald, the special re-

Rev. Dr. Judkins will lead the meeting

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.

533,766 in losses. Its annual statement,

published elsewhere in our columns, shows

a net surplus of \$2,598,413, and that after

paying, in 1878, losses, dividends, and ex-

penses, amounting to \$3,425,346.33, it made

a-clear profit for the year of \$606,213.15.

The commercial community can safely trust

The North America confines itself in Vir-

folk, are the general agents for Virginia.

February 22, 1879:

MORTUARY REPORT for the week ending

Cause of Death: Apoplexy, 1 white

bronchitis, 1 white, 1 colored; consump-

tion, 4 white, 1 colored; convulsions (in-

fantile), 1 colored; croup, 1 white; fever

(scarlet), 5 white, 1 colored; heart-disease,

known, 1 white, 1 colored. Whole number

lored-total, 4; forty years to fifty, 3 white, 1 colored-total, 4; eighty years to ninety, 2

white, 1 colored-total, 3. Condition: Sin-

gle, 11 white, 8 colored-total, 19; mar-

ried, 3 white, 2 colored-total, 5; widowers,

2 white; widows, 2 colored; unknown, 1

parts of United States, 7; Germany, 2; Ire-

land, 1. Locality: Marshall Ward, 4 white;

Jefferson Ward, 2 white, 2 colored-total,

4; Madison Ward, 8 white, 2 colored-

total, 5; Monroe Ward, 8 white, 4 colored-

total, 7; Clay Ward, 1 white; Jackson

Ward, 2 white, 4 colored-total, 6; alms-

COMPARATIVE WEEKLY MORTALITY.

Mean temperature for the week ending

February 15, 409 42'; mean temperature for

Population of city estimated at 79,000

SAILORS IN TROUBLE .- Two negro sailors

the city yesterday and lodged in the county

Serious property and the property of the

the week ending February 22, 36º 85%

week ending February 22, 0.90 inches.

house, 1 white, 1 colored-total, 2.

Nativity: Richmond, 19; other

one month to six, 2 white; six

of deaths in the city, exclusive of still-

made an earnest, practical address, founded

on the capture of Jericho by Joshua.

quests sent up were remembered.

this evening, from 5 to 6 o'clock.

the Association during the current year.

and Juan A. Pizzini, of Richmond.

for the ensuing year:

Assistant Secretary.

Gretter, of Richmond.

Royal.

Lexington.

Leesburg.

of Manchester.

"Resolved. That the Superintendent of

coran. The resolution is as follows:

sistent therewith.

Bocock in the House.

tunda."

rides that in the event that the Richmond Proceedings of the Mozart-Hall Conand Alleghany Railroad Company shall not vention. purchase the works, property, and fran-chises of the James River and Kanawha

MR. FRANK BLAIR, OF WYTHE, TEMPO-RARY CHAIRMAN, AND MR. VOLASKI VADEN, OF NEW KENT, PRESIDENT-SPEECHES FROM GENERAL MAHONE, SEN-ATORS PAUL AND MASSEY, FAYETTE MCMULLIN, MR. BARBOUR, AND OTHER LEADERS-OPPOSITION TO THE MCCUL-LOCH COMPROMISE BILL-AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE AND PROPOSED FORMA-TION OF A NEW PARTY IN VIRGINIA.

The convention of readjusters met at Mozart Hall at 12 o'clock yesterday, and was called to order by Senator Fulkerson, chairman of the Executive Committee, who stated that he had been requested to name F. S. Blair, of Wythe, as temporary chairman, and P. H. McCaull, of Pulaski, as tion of the stockholders of the James River temporary secretary. [Applause.] and Kanawha Company, and it is deemed The gentlemen named promptly came

upon the stage, and Mr. Blair returned his thanks to this "grand convocation," and made a brief readjustment speech. The views he presented have been heard over and over again at every session of the

General Assembly since the funding bill was passed, yet they were as well received yesterday as if they were perfectly new.

Mr. Blair spoke with emphasis and carnestness, and urged the necessity for a readjusters' organization in view of the address of "the 39," which had been spread through the State "like the leaves of autumn." He claimed that the popular heart was with the convention, and demanded that a plain and candid platform should be

adopted; they wanted no Delphic oracles. Their action should be defined with perspicuity, and from the mountains to the surf-beaten shore the people would with one acclaim ratify it. Mr. Blair said that they had already gained one half of the victory. Men who were willing some time ago to take their shirts off to pay the bondholders now are carrying around petitions for this compromise. The question now is whether they would allow the enemy to lay down their arms and take off the spoils. Mr. Blair was of the opinion that the readjusters had more to fear from some of their annual convention of the Virginia Press friends than from their enemies. He con-Association was held yesterday at Lafay. cluded by eulogizing Mr. Barbour and the Barbour bill, and declaring that they were as familiar to the people of the Southwest as "household words."

> ROLL-CALL OF COUNTIES. The secretary called the roll of counties, and it appeared that a majority of them were represented.

press who are recognized as such. Major N. H. Hotchkiss was unanimously elected When the city of Richmond was called by the secretary, Captain Martin Meredith Richmond was selected as the next place of Lipscomb arose and said: I am here to repmeeting. Hon. Thomas Whitehead, of resent the whole city. [Great applause.] Lynchburg, who was expected to deliver GENERAL WILLIAM MAHONE.

General Mahone offered the following: Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of two from each congressional district, to be named by the representatives thereof, to report a permanent organization of the body. Agreed to.

The following were appointed: First District: John D. Foster and Law-Second: R. T. Lacy and J. H. Robinson. Third: W. W. Newman and T. N. Welch. Fourth: William Mahone and L. E. Har-

Fifth: Rev. P. L. Shuler and G. R. C. Phillips. Sixth: J. A. Frazier and J. B. Ficklin. Seventh: J. J. Wood and W. C. Jones. Eighth: J. B. McCabe and R. S. Lewis. Ninth: C. M. Webber and D. F. Bailey. The committee retired for consultation.

ALBEMARLE. Senator Massey seized the opportunity to tate to the convention that Albemarle had appointed ninety delegates to this convention; that fifty were already here and more There was another crowded congregation on their way, and he claimed that she was the banner county, &c. [Applause.]

COUNTIES REPRESENTED. In response to a question from a delegate, the secretary (Mr. McCaull) said that delegates from sixty counties had responded. HON. FAYETTE M'MULLIN.

There being no business before the convention, it was suggested that Hon. Fayette McMullin should make a speech. [Applause.] Mr. McMullin promptly came forward. The Chairman (Mr. Blair) introduced him. Mr. McMullin then proceeded to declare This great fire and marine insurance com- that he was the first man in Virginia to say pany commenced business eighty-seven we didn't owe this debt. He denounced

years ago. During that time it has received the funding bill, the McCulloch bill, \$74,000,000 in premiums and paid out \$45,- and "the 39," and praised the Barbour bill. He admitted that the debt agitation was driving men and capital from the State. He thought that Virginia didn't owe the debt. He didn't claim to be much of a statutory lawyer, but he was a pretty good | son. I. C. Fowler, J. S. Kelly, Robert international lawyer, and it was his opinion that the United States Government, debt. But, being desirous of doing what Clair, Frank S. Blair, R. E. Lindomond, J. when it subdued us, became liable for our is liberal, he would give the bondholders the Barbour bill.

Mr. McMullin, having exhausted bimself on the public debt, went on to discuss national finances, to advocate more greenbacks, and to denounce the national banks. Montague & Co., No. 1202 Main street, are This turn in the drift of his discourse led many persons who heard him to believe that he was repeating one of the speeches which caused his defeat for Congress last

MR. BARBOUR. Calls were made for Mr. Barbour; but be asked not to be pressed into a speech now. At another time he would probably have something to say to the convention. Dr. McConnell, of Scott, was called upon, and had taken the stand and opened when the committee on organization came in, and

he retired. PERMANENT ORGANIZATION. The committee submitted the following names for permanent officers, and the report was adopted: President: Major Volaski Vaden, New

Secretaries: Charles M. Webber, Roanoke; and the representatives of the Press Vice-Presidents-First District: Philip Gibson, King William. Second District: E. Ball, New Kent.

Third District: Henry J. Wale, Louisa. Fourth District: Stith Bolling, Peters-Fifth District: G. R. C. Phillips, Hali-

Sixth District: William Skeene, Alleghany. Seventh District: Jerrold Hopkins, Rock-

Eighth District: J. W. Bell, Culpeper.

Ninth District; D. F. Bailey, Washing-

ton. MR. PRESIDENT. General Mahone was appointed to escort

the duty, and commended Major Vaden in the strongest terms of affectionate admira-

Major Vaden declared that the honor was unexpected. In his judgment this conven-tion meant business. [Applause.] The rights of the people must be respected by Amount of rainfall for week ending February 15, 9,40 inches; amount of rainfall for the bondbolders, and no legislature should be allowed to bind another for succeding years. He thought Governor Kemper had Population of city estimated at 19,000—
to the Governor, and no doubt is enterlained as to his favorable endorsement. The bill is believed to be approved by the Richmond and Aliegbany Railroad Company, and they will proceed forthwith to make an effort to settle the debt and other vexed office be places any construction he pleases of set that they done much to confuse outsiders as to Virginia's ability to pay. The present Executive head, too, was very uncertain. In offering for position he was "mum," and in the debt and other vexed office be places any construction he pleases of the State, that they done much to confuse outsiders as to Virginia's ability to pay. The present Executive head, too, was very uncertain. In offering for position he was "mum," and in the doll of the state, that they done much to confuse outsiders as to Virginia's ability to pay. The present Executive head, too, was very uncertain. In offering for position he was "mum," and in the doll of the state, that they done much to confuse outsiders as to Virginia's ability to pay. The present Executive head, too, was very uncertain. In offering for position he was "mum," and in the doll of the state, that they will be state, that they done much to confuse outsiders as to Virginia's ability to pay. The present Executive head, too, was very uncertain. In offering for position he was "mum," and in the confuse of the state of the state, that they will be state upon the Conservative platform. But Mr. Vacen thought the people were sound and true, and that their voice would be heard in posed to any settlement of the question of F. Harwood. tones which could not be mistaken.

BUSINESS. Mr. Riddleberger offered the following: Resolved, That the Chair appoint a com-

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bers from each congressional district, to lengthy speech. The following are exwhom shall be referred, without debate, all tracts: resolutions and propositions, and whose . * * I hold that there is nothing in our a clamorous host without and beset by duty it shall be to consider the same and present condition or future outlook justify- combination within-you, the good people

onvention. Mr. Robinson, of Portsmouth, as a matin the matter of the public debt, but for the county he had resigned the secretaryship of the readinsters' caucus, and would now withdraw from the convention. A delegate desired to know of Mr. Robinson what his reasons were, but Mr. Rid-dleberger made the point that all of this was out of order, and he asked for action

n his resolution. His resolution was adopted. The convention about 2 took a recess un-Delegate B. W. Lacy was offered the temporary chairmanship of the convention, it is understood, but declined, as it was considered advisable not to have members of the General Assembly unnecessarily prominent in the body.

> The following are the delegates who registered with the secretary of the readjusters' executive committee previous to the assembling of the convention:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Albemarle: J. Howard Smith, R. G. Crank, J. A. Michie, James T. Marshall, Mount. Clark, G. W. Clarkson, A. H. Gentry, J. B. Hardie, J. M. Wright, J. B. rownley, W. H. Wood, James W. Durrett, Ira G. Wood, O. W. Purvis, F. Durret, John P. Mann, R. W. Bailey, John Edwards, Rev. J. E. Massey, C. C. Massey, G. R. C. Phillips, A. Wayland, and W. C. Mar-

Amelia: L. E. Harvey, M. V. Harvie. Augusta: William H. Peyton, D. N. Vanear, James H. Hamilton. Allegbany : William Skeen, L. T. Mann.

Buchanan . John P. Chase Bath: Joseph H. Sherrard. Caroline: Thomas A. Welsh, S. J. R. White, Dr. Wright. Culpeper: John W. Bell, Robert S. Lew-

s, R. T. Hume, James Barbour, Thomas G. Walker, James W. Smith. Chesterfield: W. D. Cook, A. L. Winfree A. Whitehead. Floyd: G. B. Boothe, Cornelius Attlger, H. D. Reed, Amos Dickerson.

Giles: W. G. Baine. Highland: John Paul, Jos. H. Sherrard. Hahfax : Scott Flournoy, Spencer Hayne, Peter Boyd, L. Cunningham, Andrew Jackson, John Freeman, A. Hughes, P. Clarkson, G. R. C. Phillips. Hanover: W. W. Newman, W. F. Pum-

Grayson: Philip L. Shuler.

phrey.

Henrico: William Taylor. James City: J. C. Timberlake. King William: J. D. Foster, P. Gibson, William M. Gary, William L. Penny, S. D. Fregory, E. Wilkinson. King George: Lawrence Taliaferro. Lee: Lee S. Fulkerson, H. C. Slemp.

Louisa: W. J. Lowman, George Turner, B. F. Trice, Joseph Wright, J. P. O'Ferrell, Dr. F. F. Brooke, G. C. McGehee, E. J. Harrison, H. J. Wale. Lunenburg: J. J. Price. Loudoun: Charles F. McCabe, John R.

Carter, James B. McCabe. Montgomery: J. H. Attiger, E. Esbridge. Mecklenburg: J. H. Young, H. S. Nelson. New Kent: Major V. Vaden, B. B. Jones,

E. Ball, Dr. J. H. Garlick, C. B. Trevillian, A. P. Richardson, John A. Davis, James B. Vaiden, J. D. Odell, R. T. Lacy, John W. Eanes, William H. Brisby, William T. Jefferson. Nottoway : Meredith Watson, G. A. Over-

ton, James M. Foulkes. Powbatan . R. K. Cralle, Richard Walton. Petersburg: William Mahone, W. J. Mahone, Emmet Myers, Morris Levy, Rogers, Jr., R. F. Jackson, Dr. W. E. Harwood, Marke Cohen, Daniel Ryley, Stith Bolling, J. D. Bowie, T. J. Jarratt, L. P. Arrington.

Prince William: Robert Tansill, William H. Campbell, J. Willlard Green, George C. Round. Roanoke: C. M. Webber, Lewis Huff, James R. Thompson, A. B. McConnell, W.

Leigh Wilsson. Rockbridge: James A. Frazier, John B. Lady, N. Cobb. Russell: J. W. Dickinson. Rockingham: John Paul, John J. Wood,

ohn F. Craun, J. T. Hopkins, Henry E. Sipe, M. M. Sibert, R. N. Harrison. Richmond City: Martin M. Lipscomb, Joseph C. Jacob.

Stafford : Duff Green. Shenandoah: H. H. Riddleberger, David

Smyth: F. McMullin, George W. Hendelda, George W. Hubble. Tazewell: J. R. Witten, L. P. Cloyd. Washington: D. F. Bailey, A. Fulker-Craig.

Warren : John Paul. Wythe: James P. McFee, W. G. St. R. Collins, Robert Sayers, William G. Wise: M. T. Lipps, H. C. Slemp, J. P.

Chase. It will be observed that in several instances a man represents more than one county. About thirty members of the General

Assembly are included in the list of delegates. A dozen or more delegates are Patrick Henry." He denounced the system alluded to the fact that there were colored colored men, and of the whites there are of hiring out convicts to come in competiquite a number who have heretofore been tion with honest labor, and made a charac- member that in the early days of the Conknown as Republicans. Afternoon Session.

Rev. Mr. Vaden in the chair. The following committee on business was announced under the resolution adopted: First District: Edward Wilkinson and

Second District: J. C. Timberlake and A. P. Richardson. Third District: Thomas N. Welch and W. W. Newman. Fourth District: Dr. Whitehead and Asa

Rogers, Jr. Fifth District : Rev. Mr. P. L. Shuler and G. R. C. Phillips.
Sixth District: N. Cobb and J. B. Lady.

Seventh District: H. H. Riddleberger and Thomas P. Lilly. Eighth District: Dr. Lewis and P. B.

Ninth District: F. B. Hurt and Wythe G. Bane. Mr. Riddleberger chairman.

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED. By Mr. -

Resolved, That the Committee on Business be instructed to report an address to the people, and the plan of an organization of the readjusters of the State. By Mr. Eskridge:

Resolved, That it is as much the duty of the people of Virginia in her present financial difficulties to protect themselves against the encroachments of the judicial branch of the Major. Vaden to the chair, and he performed Government as against the executive and legislative branches thereof, for history points us to the fact that when the rights and liberties of a people are being taken from them, those in power invariably call upon the judiciary to support them in their measures of oppression.

y By Mr. M. M. Lipscomb : 12 . 238751 Resolved, That we, the sovereign people of Virginia, in convention assembled, demand of our agents or servants who com-

the public debt that is not submitted to and approved by a general vote of the people.

THE CHIPTER OF THE PROPERTY OF THE

STORAGE TRANSPORT

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26, 1879.

report resolutions for the action of the ing a settlement at a rate higher than three

per cent.

The supporters of this [McCulloch comter of personal privilege, stated that he was promise] bill advocate it mainly upon the such action and making such declarations jail for assault is not the well-known muthoroughly in accord with the convention ground that it saves a large amount of interest. But, as I understand the question, other weighty reasons acting upon him as a it is not What do we save? but What can organized, having deliberated as to what representative of his particular section of we pay? If this proposed settlement, seems best for the common welfare, not although reducing our annual liabilities. forgetting what is due to others nor what is yet requires an increase of taxation—as I due to you, we, in your behalf, declare:
have shown it does—I would inquire, Cau 1. That Virginia fully recognizes her fust the people of this State bear such an in- liability for her fair proportion of the public crease? Will they bear it? If not, or if debt contracted before her territory was we have good reason to believe from their divided into two separate, distinct, and inpast and uniform declarations that they will dependent States not, is it in good faith either to them or the bondholders to enact a law which can only become operative by such increase in the rate of taxation?

But at 3 per cent., or any other rate, I would be unwilling to perpetuate, by any act of mine, the self-executing, tax-receivable feature of the present bonds, as repug- within her revenues as derived from the pant to the sovereignty of the State, as derogatory to the dignity and good faith of he Commonwealth, and as an alienation of her sovereignty, which it is not in the by deducting therefrom the necessary expower of her Legislature to consummate. It may be that the expression of such a conviction will be construed as a captious or tions for the support of the charitable in unreasonable objection. It may be ascribed to a purpose to defeat a settlement. It may be said that the concession of such a proment in view of that feature in the present bonds. To such objections I have but one to any other demands whatsoever. reply, and that is that I hold the feature in such abhorrence I would never support it. and am thankful that I hold no public position where my vote opposing it might interfere with an otherwise practicable solution of the problem.

logic of those arguments which, starting good faith, and the honor of the people of with the statement that we owe 6 per cent. on our debt, conclude that it is honest to pay 3 per cent., 4, or 5 per cent., with taxreceivable coupons, but dishonest to settle at 3 per cent. without the tax-receivable feature in the hond. He is, indeed, a shrewd moralist who can calculate bonesty within I per cent. of its vanishing point. Impoverished and disheartened as are our

people; onerous and oppressive as is the people. present rate of taxation; opposed as I have and certain as I am that such increase, to lowed by the State in any readjustment that some extent, must be necessary after 1880, may be consummated. yet to secure the great object of a settlement of this question and to avoid that direct of and frankly with her creditors, and should all calamities to the State, a repudiation of never under any consideration place either its obligations, unless some settlement can their claims or her revenues and obligations be arrived at, upon terms at least possible, in the hands of intermediaries who are not though difficult of endurance, I would earn- completely under her control and direction. estly advise this people to accept a permanent settlement at 3 per cent., believing not expressly authorized by the Constitu-that they would, if called upon, see tion are special privileges that are intolerathat the quiet and repose gained ble in a free and equal community, and patch counting-room will receive prempt attenthereby would counterbalance the hard- cannot be afforded in the present condition tion. hips of an increase which they are so little | cf our finances. able to bear. I would use my best endeavors to secure a vote of the people sanctioning a settlement at 3 per cent. for forty-five from entering into any undertaking that years on the basis of \$32,977,090.02. And may necessitate an increase of taxation this settlement being ratified, I would en- hereafter, it is the high duty of statesmanforce it by the Legislature and courts, whose ship, as it is a pressing necessity of the peopowers I believe to be fully adequate there- ple, to provide as speedily as possible for a by all the real estate agents in R right; because I believe it to be diminution of the public of the people, and right; because I believe it is the only way 14. That it is the will of the people, and 6:30 P. M., at his auction rooms, watches, 1.wto. I would do so because I believe it to be diminution of the public burthens. deeply; because I believe it is to the best government, to protect, sustain, foster,

interest of the bondholder and the tax-payer; and because I believe it is a duty we owe to the Commonwealth of Vinginia. and improve our free-school system so that no child in the Commonwealth of Winginia. payer; and because I believe it is a duty we no child in the Compression owe to the Commonwealth of Virginia. distinguish the morality of the debt-pavers and that of the readjusters? I have carn- energetically pressed in the administration estly and with intense conviction sought a of all our affairs in State and county govsettlement which shall be practicable, and ernments. which will prevent the stigma of repudiation from attaching to the fair name of Virginia. If the conduct of our public affairs is guided by wisdom, and not by declamation, I believe an adjustment will be attained which will be honorable and just; but whatever that result may be I shall con- can be final, certain, and satisfactory. tinue to advocate earnestly and fearlessly the convictions which I have honestly en-

ertained. The magnitude of this theme elevates it above the plane of personal vindication. I ganization is adopted. dismiss that question with a remark, pardonable, I hope, under assaults upon myself frequent, bitter, and but too often scur-

rilous. When the record of my assailant approves him as one who has risked more, lone in my humble sphere for Virginia, I voted down with great unanimity--it was, shall deem him worthy of full response. in fact, not german. Until that time arrives I shall struggle for higher end and on a grander subject than

Mr. Eskridge moved that 5,000 copies of General Mahone's speech be printed for general distribution. The cost, he thought, would not be great, and the amount necessary could readily be raised.

Mr. McMullin suggested 10,000 copies. Accepted and motion agreed to. MR. M. M. LIPSCOMB.

At the urgent call of the convention Mr Martin M. Lipscomb came forward to speak. He took the position that this State of Virginia does not owe a dollar of the debt. If she owes any she should pay it without abatement. Mr. Lipscomb complimented the speech of General Mahone, and by a slip spoke of "my distinguished friend teristic speech, which was vociferously ap-

plauded.

The Rev. Mr. Massey, senator from Albe-

issues of the day. He apologized for his hoarseness, and on those who addressed the convention) had that account declined to speak at length. something to say of the Richmond clergy But instead of a speech he proposed a preamble and resolutions (recently offered in the advised delegates when they went home to Senate), setting forth that one third of the be resolved to bear all the reproaches which debt should be set aside for West Virginia, would be hurled at them by the enemies of and that Virginia should pay one half of the remainder, and that no interest be allowed for the period prior to January, 1870. In his explanation of his position Mr. Mussey advanced the views he has often expressed in the Senate and on the stump.

The Chair announced that Judge Bell had been placed on the Committee on Resolutions in place of Dr. Lewis. TROUBLE APPREHENDED.

Senator Fulkerson moved that the Chair be requested to appoint one or more sergeants-at-arms, as the indications were that they would have trouble at night outside

of the delegation. Mr. M. M. Lipscomb gallantly expressed his belief that the people of this, his native city, would do nothing to disturb the con-

The motion was adopted. MR. PAUL.

Senator Paul was, by invitation, the next speaker. He rapidly sketched the history of the debt as viewed from the standpoint of a readjuster, and rejoiced that the people had token the matter in hand and were determined not to submit to the unjust and op-

pressive measures contemplated by the funders. He aroused the Convention to enthusiasm, and received liberal applause. About 6 o'clock the Convention took a Night Session. The President in the chair. The following delegates from Charles City

NO. 49. mittee on business, consisting of two mem- (the convention and accepted. He read a jobjections to the McCulioch bill, and the

In view of all these facts-beleaguered by of Virginia, have seen fit, through your lie through your valuable journal that the primary assemblages, to delegate us to a Stephen Johnson arrested, tried, and sengeneral convention for the purpose of taking tenced by Justice White to thirty days in mand; and being now duly convened and

2. That Virginia can never recognize any

liability whatever for that portion of the public debt of undivided Virginia which should attach to West Virginia. 3. That in any settlement of Virginia with her creditors the annual interest of the recognized indebtedness must be brought

present rate of taxation. 4. That the capacity of these revenues to meet such interest must be determined penses of government, the apportionment to the schools, and the reasonable appropria-

stitutions of the State-5. That these limitations should be carefully ascertained and guarded, so as in no vision is a sine qua non in any new arrange- event to allow the primary obligations of government and people to be subordinated

6. That a settlement within the limitations designated is the utmost stretch of our ability to pay, and should be satisfactory to the creditor as the furthest exaction he can fairly insist on. 7. That any settlement to be final must

rest upon the sovereignty of the State, and But, sir, I will not pause to analyze the find its best security in the good-will, the Virginia. 8. That the sovereignty of the State can-

> public service, and when so pledged or with prompt success, the very first dose relieving. delegated is at any time revokable by the and two thirds of a bottle curing permanently in Legislature. 9. That any self-executing lien upon th public revenues, such as is given by tax-

receivable coupons, is against public policy and degrading alike to the State and the 10. That no discrimination between her been, and still am, to any increase thereof: creditors can be made, sanctioned, or al-

11. That Virginia should deal directly 12. That all exemptions from taxation tion are special privileges that are intolera- States at publishers' rates. Orders left at the Dis.

13. That the rate of taxation in Virginia is as high as can be borne, and that so far

15. That reform and economy, as far as

compatible with efficient service, should be 16. That the full and cordial recognition

of these principles and declarations by the people of Virginia and her creditors is absolutely essential to any amicable readjustment, and no readjustment in which they, or any of them, shall have been neglected 17. And the more effectually to assert and

enforce these necessary conditions of any settlement of the financial difficulties of the Commonwealth, the following plan of or-The plan alluded to is in many respects

similar to the Conservative plan of organization. It is in the form of by-laws and constitution. Dr. J. A. Michie, of Albemarle, read a paper stating his views and a substitute for endured more, sacrified more, than I have the committee's report. The substitute was

MR. BARBOUR.

Mr. James Barbour, of Culpeper, was called upon to address the convention. He spoke at length. The Barbour bill was his text. By that measure he stands firm; and he declared that it would long be the chiefest article in his faith concerning the debt. Mr. Barbour held the floor for an hour and a half. THE COLORED BROTHERS.

Mr. Riddleberger was next called upon for a speech. He stated that the convention had not come here to instruct the members of the Legislature, nor to be instructed by them, but to organize a party and crystalize sentiment to elect a new General Assembly. [Great applause.] He thought the readjusters would be stronger after "the broker's bill" was passed than before. He men in the convention. But he could reservative party negroes were gladly admitted to their conventions. forgotten that at a convention here a delegation of colored men were admitted to marle, was next called upon, and followed seats from the city of Richmond, and Gen-Captain Martin M. Lipscomb upon the great | eral Jubal A. Early took up his hat and left the hall. Mr. Riddleberger (like most of

> Virginia's liberty. OTHER SPEAKERS. Mr. Lewis E. Harvie was next called to

who signed the address of "the 29."

the stage. He made a speech showing that he was in full sympathy with the convention. Mr. J. T. O'Ferrell and Mr. Frank Blair, of Louisa, followed in support of the new movement. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock this

morning. After the convention adjourned last night the delegations caucused at their hotels to consider the appointment of members of the Executive Committee as provided in the plan of organization. MURDERER ARRESTED. The foremost man

in the diabolical murder of Mr. John C. Lacy, of New Kent county, was apprehended yesterday afterneon and had a preliminary hearing at Taylorsville, and was sent on to the March term of the court. Editors of the Dispatch: Will you publish this letter for the benefit of the Episco-

palians in this city? Lent begins on the 26th of February; and what I would like to suggest is this: That the ministers who preaching prepared sermons, which occupy a half hour or more in delivery, would make an address of not more than ten or tifteen minutes. It used to be understood that there was to be only a short address besides the service, but this custom has not been adhered to in the last two or three years, By Mr. George C. Round (Rep.):

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Mr. Riddleberger, from the Committee on many persons come a long distance to church, and it is often night when they church their lowes. and a secretary and better the flope . Man to the property that the beautiful of

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